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CONTROL OF THE SUBSTRATE, AND GENE DETECTION METHOD

MAKING USE OF THE SAME

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Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 1,

2006. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this paper, which is set forth as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2
 of this paper.
- · Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.